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TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TRIP: ACCOMMODATIONS

REF: CARACAS 10171; STATE 251628

- 1. EMBASSY IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY CONCERNED WITH OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL REQUESTS FOR HOTEL ROOMS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT. TO UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION AND TO PINPOINT HOTEL RROMS FOR MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL PARTY, STAFF AND PRESS, EMBASSY REQUESTS CLARIFICATION OF FOLLOWING:
- 2. EMBASSY HAS RESERVED 230 HOTEL ROOMS AT MELIA HOTEL ON COAST FOR PRESS. PLEASE ADVISE IF WHITE HOUSE PRESS NUMBERING 40 IS STILL INCLUDED IN THAT NUMBER AND IF ALL ROOMS RESERVED WILL HAVE SINGLE OCCUPANCY. EMBASSY HAS GUARANTEED PAYMENT FOR ALL 230 ROOMS. CANCELLATIONS AT THE LAST MOMENT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE HOTEL AND PAYMENT FOR ONE NIGHT MUST BE MADE.
- 3. REQUEST FOR HOTEL ROOMS HAVE COME FROM THE DEPARTMENT, USIA, ABC, NBC AND VOA BY TELEGRAM AND TELEPHONE. EMBASSY BELIEVES AND RECOMMENDS THAT ALL REQUESTS FOR ROOMS SHOULD BE CHANNELLED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT. AS THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEPARTMENT IS AWARE THE OVERALL REQUEST IS FOR 250 ROOMS FOR OFFICIAL PARTY AND 250 ROOMS FOR PRESS (170 PRESS, 40 WHITE HOUSE PRESS STAFF AND 35 PAA AND TWA CREWS OF PRESS PLANES). IN ADDITION, 50 ROOMS HAVE BEEN RESERVED AT THE MACUTO SHERATON HOTEL ON THE COAST FOR CREW MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PLANES. THESE ROOMS HAVE BEEN MOST DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN. THE EMBASSY'S

CONCERN IS THAT OTHER REQUESTS FOR ROOMS FROM SOURCES OUTSIDE THE DEPARTMENT APPEAR TO BE IN EXCESS OF THE OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR 250 ROOMS FOR PRESS. FURTHER, SOME OF THESE REQUESTS MAY NOT BE KNOWN TO OR APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT, USIA OR THE WHITE HOUSE.

4. AS POINTED OUT IN CARACAS 10171, THE HOTEL SITUATION IN CARACAS IS CRITICAL. REQUESTS FOR ANY ADDITIONAL ROOMS ON OR BEFORE, AND PARTICULARLY BEFORE,NOVEMBER 22 CANNOT BE GUARANTEED. THIS DOES NOT, OF COURSE, APPLY TO ADVANCE PARTY. AS PER STATE 251628, THE REQUIRED ROOMS HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR ADVANCE PARTY ARRIVING NOVEMBER 13. VAKY

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